

Collaborate to Succeed: a consortial approach to implementing AARLIN

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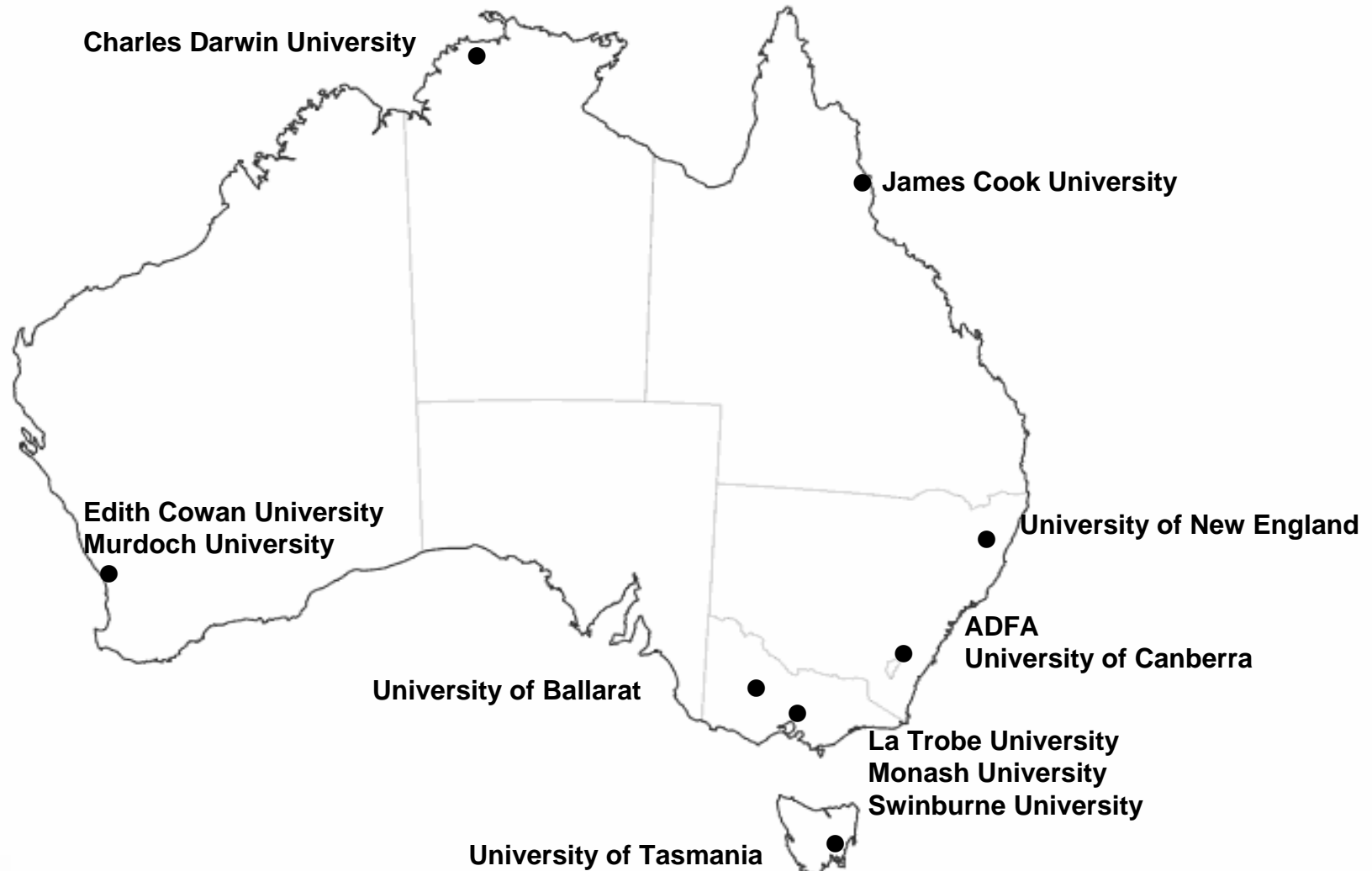
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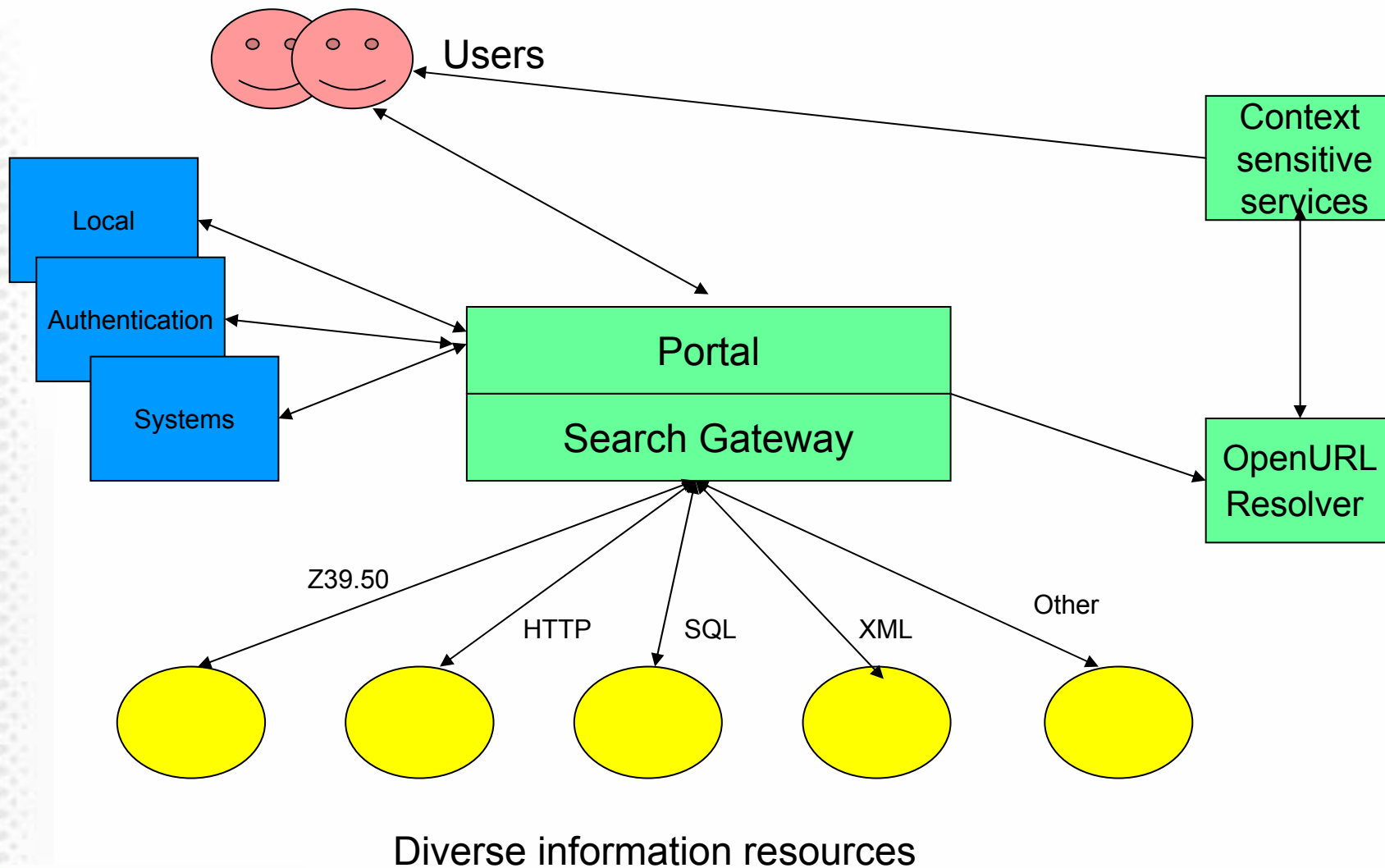
AARLIN – Australian Academic and Research Library Network

- Phase 1 - Pilot project 2001 - 02
Proof of concept for national portal
- Phase 2 - Operationalisation 2002 - 04
Roll-out commenced 2004
- Phase 3 - Full service operation 2005 - 07
12 universities in AARLIN Consortium

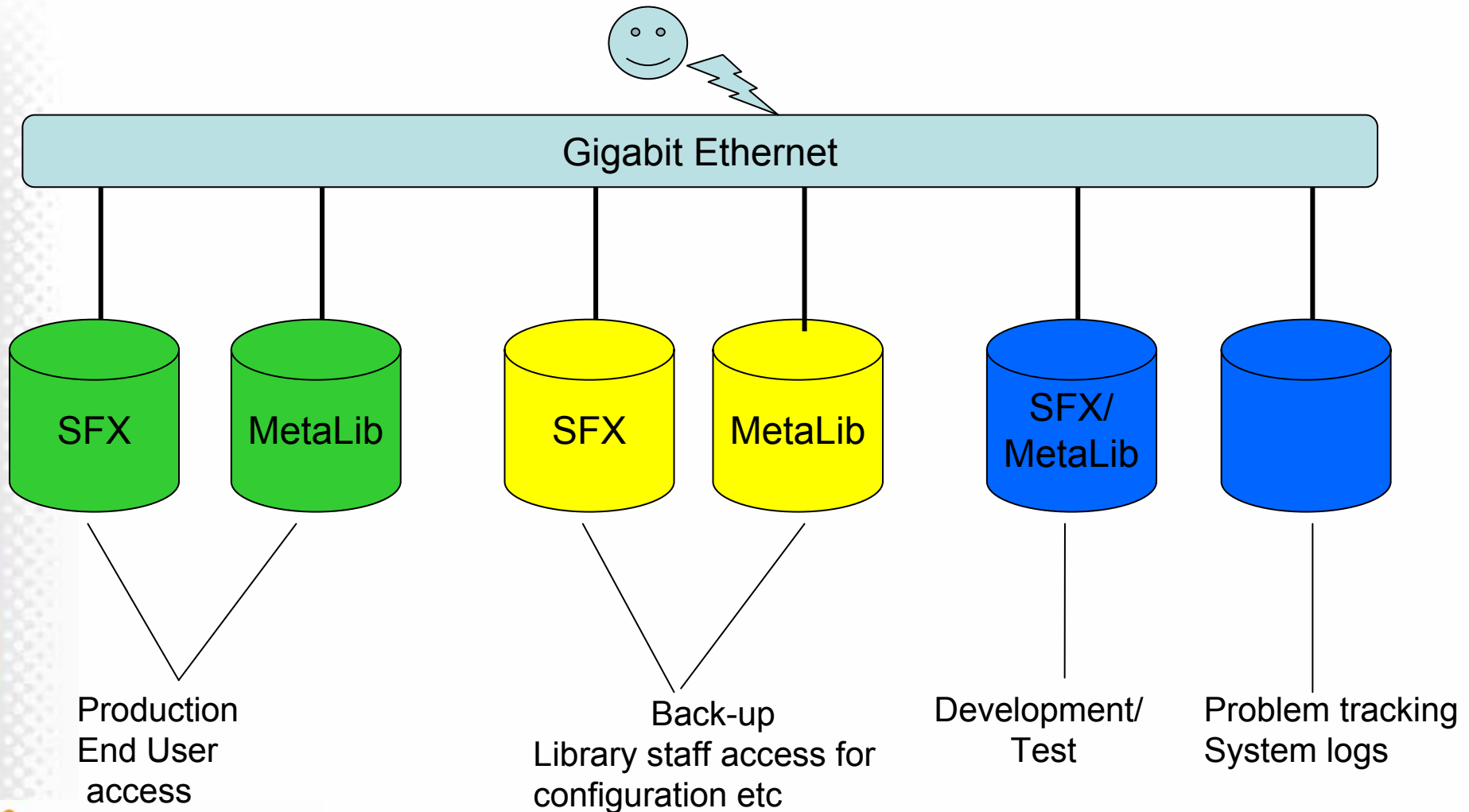
Location of AARLIN Participants



AARLIN Service Model



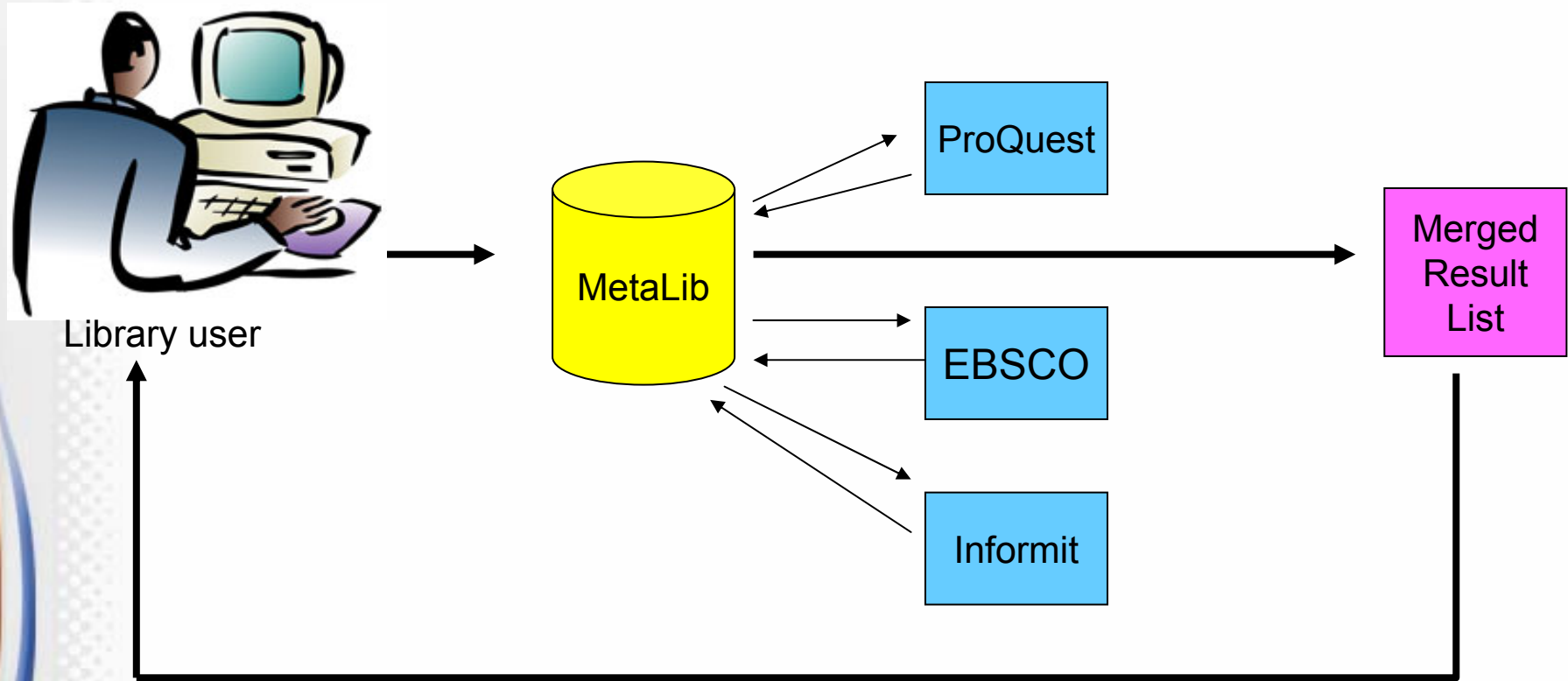
AARLIN Architecture Model



Features of the AARLIN Service

- Federated searching
- OpenURL framework
 - Customisable menu of options
- Collections of resources by subject
- Personalisation of a user space
 - Users can create their own list of favourite resources
 - Save searches and re-run or set up as alerts

Federated Searching



Collaboration

- University librarians and IT directors steered the project
- At La Trobe University, IT staff advised on the use of LDAP
- Establishment of a Quality Team to work on configuration of resources

Benefits of Collaboration

- Cost sharing
- Sharing and central provision of technical expertise and support
- Training across three states of Australia
- Creation of an email discussion list and member support webpages
- User Group Meetings have been established
- Ability for local “branding”

Challenges of Collaboration

- Training large numbers across a geographically dispersed area
- Lack of familiarity with the system by local IT staff
- Some decisions will affect all participants
 - Reaching the point of agreement
 - Accommodating the final decision locally

Administrative & legal framework

- Memorandum of Understanding established AARLIN Consortium for 3 years
- La Trobe University runs AARLIN as the Administering Institution on behalf of 12
 - Management of AARLIN Portal including hardware, software, infrastructure support
 - Provide technical support to members
 - Maintain AARLIN Office

Administrative & legal framework -2

Member obligations include

- Monitor changes to e-journals & databases
- Localise resource configurations
- Promote AARLIN to authorised users
- Provide local support and training
- Troubleshoot & document problems
- Appoint AARLIN Coordinator
- Participate in Management Committee

Business Model

- AARLIN self-supporting
- Budget covers ALL costs
- Member institutions share costs
- Cost sharing model based on number of equivalent full-time students

The Future

Issues for individual members of AARLIN

- E-journals and databases web pages
- Pathfinders and subject guides
- Role of library catalogue vis a vis AARLIN
- Role of AARLIN for undergraduates

Additional services to members?

- Integration with university wide portals & e-learning systems
- Distributed searching of institutional repositories
- Secure payments system
- Digital rights management system
- Integration with web based delivery of documents

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